

## 'Red-line' dwellers never told they'd lose homes

**Dear Editor:**

After reading the letter "Residents in highway's red line living in limbo" (AFN Jan. 18, 2006), I wondered how many people are living in limbo here in Ahwatukee.

How many need to move but can't do it because they have a house they can't sell on Pecos Road? Waiting until the end of this year or the beginning of 2007 is a long time, depending on what is going on in your life.

What happens to people who transfer because of their jobs, or have to move in the next few months for one reason or another? They are "stuck" with a house that nobody wants. Even without having to move, this is a terrible state of mind for most of us to live in because we live on the "red line" of a possible freeway. Some would probably say to us that we knew where we were buying. Well, in 1996, when we bought, we did know we might have a freeway in our back yard, but no one mentioned that we wouldn't have a home!

I think it is unfair to leave this decision unknown for this long. The unknown is much harder to deal with than just knowing. Plus the fact I feel stuck and stressed and I'm sure I'm not alone. I'm just really glad I didn't put in new carpet and new screens, etc., last year. Most people cannot afford to have two mortgages and that is what you'd have to have to move from a home on Pecos Road.

Why is the build/no-build decision taking this long? Does any one else feel like they are living in limbo? Is this fair? Is prolonging the decision an indication that it might go the no-build way? I don't know, but I don't think so. Get on with the decision, I say. It will give all of us more time to do what we need to do and people's lives won't be on hold.

I guess I'm writing to the wrong place, but I wanted to voice this. I think this state of limbo is very hard on the residents on and near Pecos Road.

**Julie Koehn**

## Intelligence needed to stop freeway

**Dear Editor:**

According to some, it seems, the 1988 plan for the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway is paved in stone.

Yet proof that it is outdated is evidenced by the fact that ADOT wants to make it a 10-lane freeway, rather than a six-lane one, as originally "planned."

Now is an opportunity for us humans to prove we are intelligent, rather than robotic.

**Melissa Keane**